

Rural Electrification in Bihar

†1905. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar have forwarded any proposal for rural electrification;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Central Government on the proposal;

(c) whether Central Government propose to provide adequate funds for rural electrification in the State of Bihar; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The CM's Conference held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 3rd March, 2001 resolved that electrification of all villages be completed by the end of the 10th Plan, *i.e.* 2007 and electrification of all households be targeted by the end of 11th Plan *i.e.* 2012.

Rural electrification has been included as a Basic Minimum Service. It has now been included for funding through the Prime Minister Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY).

The Ministry of Power is in touch with the Government of Bihar for rapid expansion of the work of rural electrification. In Bihar

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(including areas now under Jharkhand) 19588 villages need to be electrified. The Members of Parliament have also been requested to provide funds from their Local Area Development Fund for this purpose.

Setting up gas-based power projects in Ninth Five Year Plan period

1906. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to set up gas-based power projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the number of gas-based power projects proposed to be set up in different regions in the above plan period;

(c) whether the gas-based power projects have been set up as scheduled;

(d) if not, the progress thereon; and

(e) the additional capacity created with the execution of those gas-based projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. As per the revised 9th Plan Capacity Addition Programme, 28 gas based power projects (8850.9 MW) were proposed to be set up.

Out of 8850.9 MW capacity proposed to be added during the 9th Plan, projects totaling 3287.5 MW have already been commissioned and 1664.0 MW capacity is likely to be commissioned during the remaining period of the 9th Plan.